

REPORTS OF MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS.

NAPA COUNTY.

The second meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held on the evening of July 15th. The following named are the officers of the society: Dr. E. E. Stone, Napa, President; Dr. W. H. Leach, Napa, Vice-President; Dr. J. L. Arbogast, St. Helena, Secretary; Dr. W. W. Rumsey, Yountville, Treasurer. The society is to hold meetings quarterly, the next one, however, to be held on the first Tuesday of September.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement met on the evening of July 21st, at the office of Dr. Henderson, on K street. The subject under discussion was "The Importance of Arterial Tension as a Symptom." Dr. Wallace I. Terry of San Francisco, and Dr. S. E. Simmons opened the discussion.

JOSEPH W. JAMES, Secy.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

At the regular meeting of the San Diego County Medical Society for the month of July, Dr. Wm. A. Edwards of Coronado presented a number of pathological specimens, giving histories of the cases and results of operations.

Dr. F. R. Burnham is absent from the city rusticated with the Sierra Club around the summit of Mt. Whitney.

Dr. P. J. Parker and family are sojourning for the month at the Tented City, Coronado Beach.

Dr. Charlotte Baker, who went East the first of July with a patient, is now visiting with relatives in Milton, Mass., and while in the East will take a special course in X-Ray work, and skin diseases in Boston.

Dr. W. N. Wade of Jamul is at the Agnew Sanitarium with a very seriously injured lady of his neighborhood.

Drs. Remondino and Franklin are also in attendance at the Agnew with a serious gun-shot wound in a small boy.

THOS. L. MAGEE, Secy.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

At the regular meeting, July 14th, Dr. Kengla in the chair, the membership committee reported favorably on the following named, and they were declared elected: Drs. C. G. Wilson, F. W. Simpson, Herbert Gunn, James D. Hill, R. M. Higgins, W. F. B. Wakefield, Donald R. Smith, August Fehlen, Col. V. D. Middleton, Wm. E. Hopkins, E. Zeile, Sylvia F. Harris, R. L. Porter, R. A. Buchanan, George J. Sweeney, Emanuel L. Fernandez, J. W. Smith, W. C. Chilson, Horace Laidlaw, W. I. Sunburnt, Ferdinand P. Canæ-Marquis, R. K. Smith.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed, eliminating the prerequisite of residence in San Francisco county for membership in the society, and providing that physicians residing in adjoining counties, in which there is no medical society affiliated with the State Society, shall be eligible for membership.

The program of papers and cases presented was as follows: "Treatment of Cirrhosis of the Liver," by

Dr. Minora E. Kibbe; "Exhibition of Cases of Repair of Deformity by Paraffine Injection," by Dr. A. W. Morton; "Reports on Two of the Lorenz Cases," and "An Unusual Infective Organism Producing Acute Suppurative Appendicitis," by Dr. Harry M. Sherman (See page 254). Discussion on Dr. Sherman's papers by Drs. Stapler, Kenyon, Tait, Ebright and Halton.

Dr. Morton exhibited patients on whom he had operated with injected paraffine: (1) Deformity following the removal of the superior maxillary bone; (2) necrosis of right tibia; (3) saddle-back nose; (4) testicle restored to normal size. Dr. Morton exhibited specimen of prepared paraffine and a Lure's syringe which he uses in the operations. Discussion by Drs. Caglieri, Sherman, Stapler and Rosenstirn.

Dr. Kibbe presented patient, following the reading of her paper on cirrhosis of the liver and operation. Discussion by Drs. Wright, Tait and Stapler.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

The physicians of this county have organized the San Luis Obispo County Medical Association with the following named officers and members: Dr. J. S. Jackson, President; Dr. E. A. Dial, Secretary; Dr. J. J. Knowlton, Treasurer, and Drs. B. F. Dawson, Cayucos; H. S. Walters, Cambria; J. H. Glass and J. K. McLennan, Paso Robles; S. Helgensen, Templeton; E. L. Paulding and J. Crawford, Arroyo Grande; R. W. Brown, Nipomo. The society is to meet monthly.

E. A. DIAL, Secretary.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

San Jose, July 15.—At the stated meeting held this date, after the election of five new members and transaction of much routine business, the attention of the society was called to the matter of the quo warranto proceedings and the suit commenced in the Superior Court of San Francisco by Dr. D. A. Hodghead, Dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, at the instigation of his associates, the trustees of that college, to remove the present State Board of Medical Examiners. In view of the statements made concerning the matter, and the question of the present reputability of the college named, a committee was appointed to inquire into the circumstances leading to such suit, together with the animus of the party or parties bringing such action, with instructions to report their findings for the consideration of this society at an adjourned meeting to be held for that purpose.

The society was entertained by an informal discourse by Dr. A. E. Osborne on certain psychic phenomena of so-called "mysterious disappearances," stating that the movements and whereabouts of a person suffering from the mental aberration involved in these phenomena, were more difficult to trace than those of suicides, or who had met death by accident or violence; in fact that a dead body, under such circumstances, was easier to find than a live one, and cited several instances in confirmation. Dr. Osborne's remarks were prompted by the mysterious disappearance of our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Samuel W. Boring, who, although 80 years of age, and with whom he had been intimately acquainted, the doctor had never discovered any sign of approaching demitence.

J. LAMBERT ASAY, Secy.

SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY OF EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SURGEONS.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Francisco Society of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgeons was held on March 19th, 1903. The President, Dr. Louis C. Deane in the chair.

Dr. Payne exhibited a remarkable case of vitreous opacities.

The patient was a railroad fireman, who last December was struck in the left eye by a piece of coal or a spark. There was a slight redness of the eye which soon disappeared, but two months later the eye became bad again and he was sent to this city for treatment. At the time of being first seen his vision was 20-80, and there were a great number of opacities in the vitreous. Under sweating with pilocarpine and inunction treatment, the central vision was raised to 20-20, and the disc was not so hazy. But there is still an extremely large opacity occupying the inferior exterior quadrant of the vitreous, looking like a sheet of black carbon paper, and seemingly attached by its lower border. Besides there are a number of smaller floating opacities.

Dr. Powers discussing the case thought it was probably a shred of retina. It did not seem like a blood clot to him, and the possibility of its being specific was quite near.

Dr. Deane thought it an exudate and that it could not be a retinal detachment, as the edges of the opacity were frayed out extending quite a distance into the vitreous.

Dr. Powers presented the same patient he presented at the last meeting with the diagnosis of embolism of the central retinal artery. All the fundus appearances point to the case being one of neuroretinitis. There is a marked atrophy of the disc, and a white streak is seen running down from the disc which is probably not a vessel, as it was at first broader and whiter than it is now.

Dr. Payne also thought it a receding neuroretinitis.

Dr. Deane was of the opinion that the white streak referred to by Dr. Powers was an exudate in the nerve fibre layer, a favorite place for these exudates.

Dr. Powers. (Presenting specimen.) I had occasion to remove a cataract from the eye of a gentleman 79 or 80 years of age, very healthy and active, exceedingly tractable. Did not wince or make any trouble at all during the operation. When making the incision the iris seemed to fall in front of the knife so far that I thought it must be wounded. There was only gentle pressure required to extrude the lens. I held the scoop ready to take it and when the lens was removed the entire iris came with it. The only way to account for it is, in moving away the lens traction was produced upon the iris and brought it away. Nothing in the operation happened to loosen the iris. I saw something of the same kind happen in the experience of another man in an attempt to make an iridectomy. There was no vitreous lost. A few flakes of blood only. Did not open the eye for five days and at the end of that time the man counted fingers at quite a distance and could distinguish faces very easily.

Dr. Payne: This is an extraordinarily interesting specimen. The iris shows that it was atrophic and was undergoing degeneration. There is very little pigment and the wounded iris is not any too firmly fixed at the limbus border so one can understand how this accident might occur with such an atrophic and degenerative condition.

Wise Counsel—As the time approaches for the annual meeting of the Washington State Medical Association, the query naturally arises as to the success thus far attending the reorganization adopted at the last meeting, in accordance with the plan out-

lined by the American Medical Association. The results attained will be indicated by the membership gathered into the State Association. Since eligible members are now confined to those in good standing in the county societies, the latter comprise the pivotal points for the larger society. * * * We wish to urge the formation of as many county societies as possible before the meeting of the State Association at Spokane next September. It should be the purpose of every eligible physician in the State to become a member of this representative body. What the American Medical Association represents to the great body of the profession in the whole country we would have our State Association stand for in our rapidly growing State. The future interests and welfare of the medical profession of the State of Washington can best be cared for by the existence of such a body of practitioners, whose influence can be felt and appreciated in whatever direction it may be exerted.—*Northwest Medicine*.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, assistant professor of physiology and university physician at Stanford, has been granted a year's leave of absence for travel, rest, and study in Europe. Dr. Wilbur is accompanied by Mrs. Wilbur and his two children.

Dr. Joseph Brady and Miss Eugenie Brown were married at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, on the evening of June 24th. After the ceremony at the church about 200 guests attended the wedding supper at the Palace Hotel.

Dr. Charles A. Morris and Miss Jessie Galbraith were married at the residence of the bride's mother, on Castro street, San Francisco, on July 1st.

Dr. Lemuel Payson Adams of Oakland and Miss Elizabeth Leigh were married at the residence of Dr. Frank Adams, the bride's brother-in-law, on the evening of July 15th.

Dr. Harry F. Worley of Oakland and Miss Sadie A. Smith were married at the First Methodist Church, Oakland, on the evening of June 30th.

Dr. C. A. Case, formerly of Oakdale, has taken the practice of Dr. Hershiser at Pleasanton, who has gone East.

Dr. J. L. Arbogast, formerly of Rio Vista, is now located at St. Helena.

Dr. A. J. Goetsch, formerly of Yountville, is now located at St. Helena.

Dr. J. H. Carothers of Martinez, after fifty years of practice is about to retire.

Dr. A. B. Powell has moved from Tracy to Dos Palos.

Dr. H. C. Crowder has moved from Sutter Creek to Tracy.

Drs. C. and May A. Mathewson have removed from Calistoga to San Francisco.

Dr. L. C. Winsor, formerly of San Jose, has located at Livermore.